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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ELECTROLYTE FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC
DEVICE AS WELL AS PHOTOVOLTAIC
DEVICE AND DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR
CELL INCLUDING THAT ELECTROLYTE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Citation AA is discussed on page 1, lines 18-21 of the specification. Citation BA is discussed on page 1, lines 25-28 of the specification. Citation BB is discussed on page 1, lines 28-32 of the specification. Citations BC, BD and AD are discussed on page 2, lines 2-9 of the specification. Citation BD is also discussed on page 2, lines 15-22 of the specification. In addition, the relevance of Citations BA, BB and BC can be found in their English language abstracts filed herewith.

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